THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ Memorandum

To: Mr. P. C. Goldmark, Jr., Executive Director
From: R. M. Monti
Date: March 20, 1981
Subject: SPRINKLER

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Reference: Your blue buckslip about installation of sprinklers in areas which contain asbestos-type fireproofing (attached for ready reference)

COPY TO: H. Sherman, G. Tozzoli, C. Wahlberg, C. Vasquez

The decision to switch to a non-asbestos material was made when 1 WTC fireproofing was done through approximately the 20th floor (we are checking records to determine exact floor) and 2 WTC had not been started. Those areas where 1 WTC was fireproofed with asbestos were subsequently encapsulated with a colored seal coating so that flaking of the asbestos would not occur, and we could determine exactly those positions that have asbestos.

Floors 1 through 6. have only core area, this is the lobby. and require no new sprinklers. Floors 7 and 8 are the mechanical rooms. and likewise, will not require new sprinkler work. Thus. the area of concern is narrowed to Floors 9 through 20 of 1 WTC.

As you suggested, I called Tony Smith of New York City Board of Education and discussed the conditions at WTC. He thought we had already gone a long way to encapsulating the asbestos in a seal coat, however, he is going to forward a detailed specification for working around asbestos fireproofing which they have developed. He will also send me the address and other details on a consultant Robert Zowyer who is a reported expert in the field.

We will keep you posted.

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TO: Ray Monti, Guy Tozzoli
FROM: Peter Goldmark
DATE: March 18, 1981
CC: - H. Sherman, C. Wahlberg, D. Vasquez

I'm extremely concerned that we take every precaution as we do the sprinklering to make sure that the first 20 floors in 2 WTC are opened up in a way that is totally safe from the point of view of asbestos. As you may know, several buildings including, I understand, the Federal GSA building in downtown New York did not take such procedures and had terrible consequences and a difficult time as a result. I have asked a friend of mine who knows some experts in this field to send me their names so that we can consult them; Tony Smith, who handled the asbestos problem for the New York City Board of Education, is eager and willing to meet with Ray and his people to go over his experience. It was Tony who called this problem to my attention. I am absolutely insistent that we do everything to be absolutely safe and make sure we do not get any asbestos circulating throughout the building as a result of opening up for sprinklering.